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MISS BENTLEY'S ADDRESS.

On Thursday evening, May ninth, the Christian Association was addressed on the "Wider Aspects of Bible Study by Miss Mary I. Bentley, the Special Student Secretary for New England of the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Miss Bentley spoke first of the marvelous circulation of the Bible, in the century just passed; thirty million copies, and up to that time thirty millon copies. She also spoke of its great number of students everywhere, engaged in definite earnest, prayerful daily Bible study at the present time.

The Bible of Christ's day we know was studied by the people then. Christ was familiar with the Old Testament, for in his conversations with people, he made use of the Word of God. Even the adversary was unable to answer him a word. The disciples of Jesus not only had the Old Testament writings but also the words of Christ, and these have we too.

After a time, the questioning philosophy of the day sought to know the logos. John, the apostle, answering said, "Yes, you are right about the Word." 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.' 'The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.' This word was Christ through whom there is communion between God and Man.

Jesus Christ thus reveals to us the personality of His father,—His infinite love and grace and truth,—His universal Fatherhood. By the Word we come unto the Father. The disciples came directly into contact with the personality of Christ; we thro' His spirit and the study of His life can also know the reality of Jesus Christ's person.

The need of this personal communion with Christ and the Father we acknowledge. Its value in our lives cannot be over estimated. By study of the life of Jesus comes a knowledge, and through this knowledge we may gain a friendship which nothing can ever take away. In the hurry of the everyday round of duties, the sense of this wonderful companionship brings peace. In our decisions, this friendship helps us to determine the proportion and value of things. Beyond this still comes an outlook for the future, hope eternal for a perfect communion, face to face.

Moreover, the study of the Bible directly increases our efficiency for social service. The methods of Jesus Christ with individuals was wonderfully penetrating and went right to their hearts. He never argued with them. He loved them, drawing them by His grace and love to the Right. By studying His ways, and the truth He revealed, we may be shown how to meet people.

Above all, His word has a power in itself, which when known to us should be revealed to others by the love of Christ which is in us.

Miss Bentley's definite instances from her own experience, and the power of her personality, made very clear the opportunity, and the responsibility of the privilege of daily and systematic prayerful Bible Study.

BARNSWALLOWS.

The Barn, on Saturday night, was the scene of a Japanese costume dance. The kimona dresses, of every vivid color and shade, were decoration in themselves. As setting to the patterned gowns were the pink spring blossoms, in great branches grouped in the post-arms. In the center a lattice work of green screened the musicians. It was an improvement on the usual custom, to have the music come from the center and to have the benches about the music stand. Between two of the early dances our President summoned us to a short business meeting and the minutes of the last business meeting of the Barnswallows were read and the new amendment to the constitution was read and unanimously accepted.

The girls who are interested in the Silver Bay fund will be glad to know that nine dollars was added to that by the sale of ice-cream.

AN AFTERNOON WITH COLONEL HIGGINSON.

On Saturday afternoon, May 11, at Billings Hall, Wellesley was given the great privilege of hearing Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson speak of "People I Have Known." Colonel Higginson opened his talk with a letter, written by his mother as a school-girl in Cambridge, 1800, which told the bit of news that Abiel Holmes was to marry Sarah Wendell. With this as background, Mr. Higginson told us much about his acquaintance with Oliver Wendell Holmes, how having sent him this letter, Mr. Higginson received from Mr. Holmes a letter in thanks, for "this curious scrap of information intimately involving my interest as to whether I should be myself or someone else." At his first attendance at the B. K. banquet Mr. Higginson listened to a quaint song addressed to the Belles of Boston and a curiously witty poem from Mr. Holmes

As a school-boy in Cambridge, Mr. Higginson once noticed an auburn-haired boy riding his pony in furious haste to school. On inquiring, he learned that it was, "Jimmie Lowell who always stayed out of school till the last minute." Later he and Jimmie Lowell became fast friends, read the "Faerie Queen" together under the willow by the old swimming-pool of the Charles River, and invented spenserian descriptions of their own. While Lowell was in Harvard, a warm friendship existed between him and "Daddy," Col. Higginson's elder brother and the boy who tagged behind gained from the association enthusiasm and inspiration. There was consternation when "daddy" declared that 'Jimmie Lowell "thought he was going to be a poet,' "for," said Mr. Higginson: "In those days, poets were not easily made and often starved when made."

Another school-boy memory was that of lectures in Cambridge, when the boys entered the lecture room through an old stove-pipe. On one occasion Mr. Higginson did not slip out after the boys to play ball, but remained till the end of the lecture, held by some power in the young orator whose keen eyes sought confirmation for his dreams. In later years Mr. Higginson recognized the speaker as Ralph Waldo Emerson, for whom he felt a life-long attraction.

Another delightful experience recounted by Mr. Higginson was his acquaintance as a student at Harvard with Professor Longfellow. By his innate courtesy and fineness of feeling Mr. Longfellow had endeared himself to all. One day as the students sat discussing Racine, the "Printers Devil" entered and laid some proof sheets on the table. Mr. Higginson saw the title "Voices of the Night" by Henry W. Longfellow, and realized that he saw before him the proof of Longfellow's first volume of poems.

In a Boston Coffee-house where Harvard students and reformers ate, Whittier was once pointed out to Colonel Higginson. Mr. Higginson shyly introduced himself as an admirer of Mr. Whittier's poems, and discovered that this handsome man of erect imposing figure and deep dark poet-eyes was as shy as himself. Afterward in Whittier's home, beautiful in its quaker purity and simplicity, Mr. Higginson met the sere little mother; here too he knew Liz Whittier, the favorite sister, less handsome than the poet, yet whose rolling black eyes and quick flashes of spirit ruled the community.

Mr. Higginson also spoke of Hawthorne, of the keen impenetrable face, the man who was seldom beguiled into saying anything, characterized in Emerson's words, "Hawthorne rides well his horse of the night."

Before a large Boston audience Colonel Higginson once heard Poe read his poems. Though Poe admitted afterward that he had read his early feebler verses, wishing to see "how much Boston would take," yet the magnetic power of his black eyes shaded by tangles of dark hair, held the audience, and the melodious eloquence of his voice left Poe's song haunting the memory for years to come.

Emily Dickinson, whom Mr. Higginson characterized as the "rarest, wittiest and most original of American poets" became known to him after a correspondence of twenty years and proved as delicate and charming as her verses. Helen Hunt too, he knew in all the variety and brillance of her powers.

Colonel Higginson described only two of his trans-Atlantic experiences, his meeting with Tennyson and with Browning. Introduced by letter to Browning, Colonel Higginson called at the Athenæum in London and was welcomed by the poet with frank, hearty cordiality. They talked of America, of Browning's family and his poems and Browning listened eagerly to the critical suggestions from an American. For a true portraiture of Browning's character, Mr. Higginson referred us to Browning's own description of a poet.

At Tennyson's beautiful country home, Mr. Higginson beheld the poet "distinguished for distinction," tall though of poor carriage, black hair swept back from his magnificent forehead and eyes of a rich

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EDITORIAL.

Mr. Alleyne Ireland, last week, after his lecture on colonial history, happened to ask some students: "What shall you be doing seven years from now?" The students laughed, shrugged their shoulders, said "Goodness! How do we know?" Whereat the man with a subject was astonished. "You don't know? You have no plans?" he repeated wonderingly.

Indeed, a man whose days are chained each to each by an absorbing pursuit, whose life is one hot, diligent chase for Something—be it the truth about colonies, the perfection of a sonnet, or the origin of species—must look with wonder on the gentle dreamy folk who go drifting down the stream of time without a rudder. To have no goal and to make no plans to reach one, seems strange to anyone who is determined to be the captain of his fate. It is strange to see people in the hey-day of youth, strength and beauty content to "wait for something to turn up," "to see what happens" or to sink into a doze in the placid expectation that a Prince Charming will come along some day and wake them.

Placidity is not reprehensible in those girls who are princesses and whose kingly papas love to have them sleeping in the spare room forever, but it is foolish for those who expect to earn their own living. Yet I know many Wellesley students who intend to "do something" when they graduate, who have not made up their minds as to what is their special capacity or even—O incredible!—what they would prefer to do.

We are fond of analyzing ourselves and our friends here at Wellesley. But a great deal of our keen talking is mere objectless dialectic. If some of it could be diverted from Kant, Fichte and the most popular Freshmen to a discussion of "What can I do?" we might be better fitted for life. We may not be wise in our plans. We may be obliged to change for death, marriage, or a rich aunt who takes us to Europe. But in case nothing happens, in case "real life" is less exciting than it seemed from our college window, we may be glad we have some special work to do. And unless we have been preparing for that special work for some time, we are likely to be poor, superficial amateurs.

Who does not know the girl who has drifted along till she is thirty; who has somehow never married, who has cleverness unappreciated, and talents not salable? Finally she takes up some occupation less dignified and less congenial than the one she might have chosen had she spent the years preparing for it, or makes a marriage of convenience with a man she would never, in her proud days, have chosen as a hero or her life's companion.

THE FAMINE FUND.

The famine relief committee announces that the contributions received amount to sixteen hundred and sixty dollars and forty-eight cents. To this should be added the hundred dollars previously collected in chapel, making a total of seventeen hundred and sixty dollars and forty-eight cents.

The fund was divided equally between China and Russia; that for China was sent to the Red Cross, that for Russia to the Russian Famine Relief Committee. Both cheques were sent on Friday, May tenth.

The following duly signed appeal was sent on the ninth instant to nine women's colleges: "The undersigned committee on behalf of Wellesley College invite the co-operation of ——— College in a gift from the women's colleges of America to the famine sufferers of Russia and China. In furtherance of this end Wellesley has contributed $1,736" (the sum received at the time the appeal was sent).

M. A. WILCOX,
Chairman, Famine Relief Committee.

NOTICE.

Copy for COLLEGE NEWS should be in the hands of the editors by Friday noon of each week. It is desirable that all communications be written in ink, rather than in pencil, and on one side of the sheet only. The departments are in charge of the following editors:

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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Saturday, May 18, 7.30 P.M., T. Z. E. Studio Reception at the Barn.

Sunday, May 19, 11 A.M., services at Houghton Memorial Chapel. Sermon by Professor George A. Palmer of Harvard University.

7, P.M., vespers. Speaker will be announced later.

Monday, May 20, 7.30 P.M., T. Z. E. Studio Reception in the Barn. Play by Deutscher Verein.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Miss Alice Higgins, General Secretary of the Associated Charities, of Boston, will speak to the Economics Club, Friday, May 24, on "Social and Philanthropic Work as a Profession for Women." Miss Higgins will give the most practical information as to the financial aspects of this sort of work, and the meeting will be open to all those who are interested.

Katherine Hall, formerly of 1909, has just returned to College after spending nearly a year in China, India, and Japan.

Two very interesting charts have been placed upon the Gymnasium Corridor Bulletin Board. The one shows the improvements noted at the end of the year in the gymnasium classes, the other correct and incorrect standing positions as found in the Freshman Class and to improvements noted in standing positions

Miss Rebecca M. White, 1900, spent Friday, May 3, at Wellesley.

At a recent meeting of the Class of 1909 the resignation of Miss Winifred Finley was accepted and Miss Frances Taft elected Silver Bay Delegate in her place. Miss Amy Brown was elected the Junior Member of the Student Government Executive Committee for 1907-1908.

By mistake, it was stated in the last issue of The College News that members and students of the Music Department were entertained by Professor Macdougall on Thursday, May 2. The reception was given by Mr. Hamilton to his pupils.

On Monday evening, May 13, a very interesting and enjoyable concert was given at Billings Hall by the Working Women's Choral Club of the "Heminway."

President Hazard sailed Wednesday, May 8, from Queenstown on the steamship "Adriatic," and will be in Wellesley by the end of this month.

Unprecedent interest, splendid harmony, and enthusiasm has characterized the work of student-instructors, captains, and members of Organized Sports this spring. Following is the total number of members in each sport:

Rowing	87
Basket-Ball	50
Hockey	61
Tennis	108
Running	56
Archery	51
Golf	42
Making a total of	455

"The House that Jack Built," an operatta with music by Jessie Gaylor was produced at Jordan Hall, Saturday, May 11, and participated in by children from Denison House.

At a meeting of the Class of 1908, Wednesday, May 8, the resignation of Miss Freda Semler as Editor-in-Chief of the Legenda was accepted and Miss Dorothy Hazard elected Editor-in Chief. Miss Dorothy Pope was elected Assistant Business Manager of the Legenda, and Miss Ellen Cope, Silver Bay delegate.

On Thursday evening, May 9, Miss Bentley, the Student Secretary of New England spoke on the "Need of Wider Study of the Bible and the Benefits of such Study." Miss Bentley was interesting and enthusiastic. After her address it was announced that a canvass of the college would be made in the near future to enroll members in Bible Class for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton gave a small dinner on Monday, May 6. Among those present were Professor and Mrs. MacDougall, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Riddle, and Mr. and Mrs. Godell.

Twelve members of the Workers' Club came out to Wellesley on their annual excursion, Tuesday, May 7. Similar groups from the various clubs associated with Denison House will visit Wellesley every Tuesday afternoon this month. Anyone who is willing to act as guide is asked to speak with Miss Ruth Carpenter.

The English Club of Radcliffe College will give a revival of "The Old Wives' Tales," a "folk lore romance" of the days of Queen Elizabeth by George Peele, on the lawn of Bertram Hall, Shephard Street, Cambridge, Wednesday, May 29, at 8 P.M. The proceeds are to go to the Radcliffe Library. Application for seats should be sent to the English Club at Radcliffe.

On Friday evening, May 10, Mr. John F. Moors, President of the Immigration Restriction League spoke on "Immigration," primarily to the class studying this subject.

An exhibition of goods bearing the Consumers' League label was held at the Bazaar of the Newton Federation of Women's Clubs from May 15 to May 18, in the Claflin Homestead at Newtonville.

There was a Silver Bay Rally on Sunday afternoon, May 12, at 4 P.M., on the banks of Longfellow pond. Ruth Cowing, President of the Smith College Christian Association, and Jessie Shackford, President of the Mount Holyoke Christian Association, each gave addresses.

A meeting of the Scribblers' Club took place Friday, May 10, at the Phi Sigma House. Ruth White and Ruth Hanford each read.

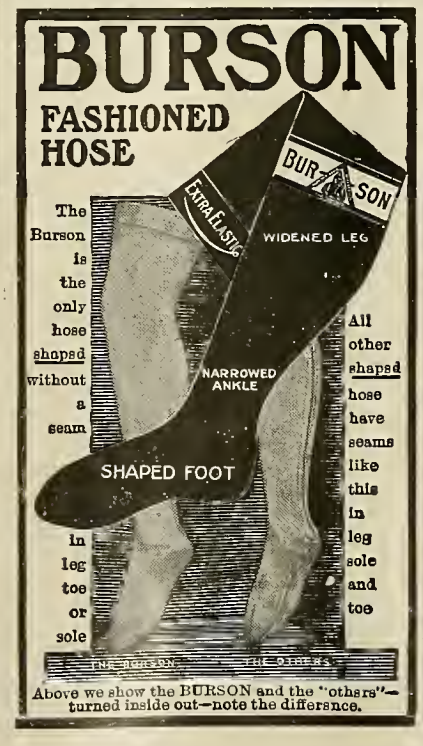
Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson spoke at Billings Hall on Saturday afternoon, May 11, especially to students in English 6 and 16. Mr. Higginson read some selections from an old diary of his mother's description of life in Cambridge, sixty years ago.

On Saturday, May 11, nineteen children from Denison House (comprising the cooking and sewing classes) were given a picnic at Wellesley, by Miss Josephine Butterfield and Miss Marguerite Hallam. The children came out on the 1.07 train and spent the afternoon here, were given refreshments, and taken back to Boston in the late afternoon.

All those who had the privilege of listening to Dr. John Watson's (Ian Maclaren's) inspiring sermon at the Houghton Memorial Chapel, on March 10, were especially shocked and grieved to learn of his death, which took place Monday, May 6, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Dr. Watson was famous as an orator, as well as the author of "Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush" and several other volumes of tales. He was a fellow student of Stevenson and Barrie at Edinborough.

Miss Gertrude Schopperle (1902) has been awarded the Ottendorfer Memorial Fellowship in Germanic Language and Literature with a stipend of nine hundred dollars for study in Europe. She is permitted to hold this fellowship along with the fellowship of the Women's Education Association, previously awarded. Miss Schopperle will spend the next two years on her monograph on the Tristan Story, studying at Oxford, Paris, and Berlin.

The editorial in the Outlook for March 30, on the eighth annual meeting of the National Consumers' League in Chicago, gives an interesting outline of the work of the league during the past year, and its program for 1907-1908. Since its last annual meeting the league has secured the passage by Congress of three out of five bills adopted at that meeting, and has given valuable assistance to the Beveridge Child Labor Bill. Its program for 1907-1908 is to put through the remaining two bills and gather systematic information on the standard of living of working women as a basis for f ture intelligent action.



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THE IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION LEAGUE.

On Friday evening Mr. John F. Moors, secretary of the Immigration Restriction League, gave an address on "Immigration." He said there were three main aspects of the immigration problem. First: the immediate immigrant and the suffering and exploitation to which he was exposed; second: the effect of immigration on the country from which the immigrants came; third: the effect on our own national life. These are all important considerations, and when we realize the fearful hardships which the immigrants suffer on the steerage-voyage, hardships which are by no means ended but in many cases only begun, by arrival at the American port, this aspect of the problem seems so serious and so urgent that we are in danger of losing sight of the greater evil. For terrible as the sufferings of the immigrants are, this phase of the problem is of minor importance, and the great fundamental proposition with which we have to deal is the subtle, elusive but inevitable influence of these people on our national life. The Boston papers are every day printing extracts from the papers of fifty years ago, and it is curious to note that while all over the country the great issues of slavery and state's rights were preparing a tremendous upheaval for the nation, that the things which occupied men's minds were murder trials and local interests, and only a few realized the direction and power of the under currents which afterwards resulted in the Civil War.

To-day we are occupying our minds with vast commercial transactions, and the material development of the country and the immigration problem, if present in our thoughts at all, presents itself chiefly as the problem of the immediate immigrant. Not one in a thousand is giving any serious heed to the solemn question "What are we passing on to our future of fifty years hence?" Yet all the while this army of foreigners, who are coming in at the rate of a million and a half a year, are slowly changing the fibre of our national life, and pushing us gradually before them.

This steady stream of immigrant labor is the very thing that is fostering in our country the tendency toward materialism; and the creation of vast fortunes on one side, and a very poor laboring class on the other, is producing the very thing which we came to America to escape—the sharp division of classes. Four hundred years ago Columbus gave us a beautiful gift of a new country and asked us what we would do with it. We are answering the question to-day by filling it up as fast as we can with anybody and everybody and getting all the money out of it that we can.

Mr. Moors concluded by advancing as the best remedy he knew, the restriction of immigration by an educational requirement for all immigrants. The present bill which the Immigration Restriction League is endeavoring to get passed provides that every immigrant should be able to read and write. This bill passed the Senate, and President Roosevelt was willing to endorse it, but Speaker Cannon prevented it from ever coming to a vote in the House since he knew it would pass that body.

AN APPEAL FOR OLD STORY-BOOKS.

To the Editor of "College News:"

May I make an appeal through your columns to those of your readers who are interested in our educational work in the Philippines?

Probably most of them know that the Filipinos are well supplied by our government with school-books in English. The natives are fast learning our language, and many of them are adopting our ideals. But that road to learning which seems most nearly "royal" of all—the story-book road—is as yet very infrequently trodden. The Filipinos have some fiction, such as it is, in their own dialects; and those of them who can read Spanish have plenty of opportunity to forget themselves in the field of fancy. But as a matter of fact, the Filipine fiction is most inferior; the number of Filipinos who can read Spanish is far smaller than the number of those who can read English, and what Spanish fiction they do read is of a very cheap order.

There is a public library in Manila, of course, and there may be some few in one or two of the other large cities. Through the kindness of some Wellesley women in Denver, Colorado, a small public library has been started in Bataugas, a large sea-port town south of Manila, capital of Bataugas Province. This library has been greatly appreciated, I understand, by Tagalog schoolchildren for miles about, and now more books are wanted. Do the readers of "The College News" care to supply a part of the demand? There must be quantities of story-books stored away in the homes of many girls, and others which are never read, gathering dust on our library shelves. The time for collecting them has no limit; they will be gratefully received at any time.

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GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF ANIMALS.

On Tuesday, May 7, Professor Wilcox gave a lecture to the students in Zoology on the subject of the geographical distribution of animals.

The first book written on the subject is that of Eberhart Zimmerman, published in 1777 and written in Latin. On the map of the world Zimmerman has written out in the various countries the names of the animals which inhabit those regions and it is interesting to notice that the greatest variety of animals are to be found in Europe and western Asia; while in central parts of North America, in Siberia and in many tropical regions which abound in animal life, no animals at all are recorded.

The next book on the subject was that of Alfred Russell Wallace, co-discoverer with Darwin of the theory of the origin of species. This was published in 1876. It is still the authority for the distribution of animals in the world.

Wallace divided the world into the six regions which were first proposed by Philip Schlater in a paper published in 1857. The six divisions are: the Palearctic, the Ethiopian, the Oriental, the Australian, the Neotropical and Nearctic. Professor Wilcox gave a short account of the genera and families peculiar to each division and described some of the extraordinary individuals found in various regions. She then spoke of the three uses of geographical distribution; to support the theory of evolution, to show the former position of land masses and to support the theory as to the climate of the ancient world.

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AN AFTERNOON WITH COLONEL HIGGINSON.

deep blue. Though Lord Tennyson avowed himself suspicious of Americans he led Mr. Higginson over his house and then into the fair picturesque English garden in which the poet felt evident delight. With his keen knowledge of outdoor things he named the many plants, then conducted Mr. Higginson to the home of Mrs. Cameron, a noted painter of portraits. Here a little maid, a model for Mrs. Cameron lay very ill, and as Lord Tennyson bent over the lovely child, Mr. Higginson beheld revealed the expression of the true Tennyson, the soul of the poet.

After the lecture Miss Hart entertained Mr. and Mrs. Higginson at a reception in the T. Z. E. House. Once more all felt the charm of Mr. Higginson's personality a companion to those personalities which he had vividly evoked for us, as "People I Have Known."

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Annual Spring Meeting of the College Settlements Association.

The annual spring meeting of the electoral board of the College Settlements Association was held Saturday, May 4, at the New York settlement house at 95 Rivington street. For the benefit of those who do not know very much about the association, I should like to say that this electoral board is composed of two electors from each of the fourteen colleges belonging to the association, one from the undergraduate body and one from the alumnæ; and a few associate members, women prominent in social matters but not representing any special organization. The board holds two annual meetings during the year, in the spring and fall, to transact all business of the association. The meeting was called at 10 o'clock, with Miss Coman in the chair, and the first business to come before the board was the announcement of the ballot for the officers of the year 1907-1908. Mrs. Thayer was elected president; Miss Vida D. Scudder, vice-president; Miss Sarah A. Tompkins (W. '02) secretary; Miss Herzfeld (Barnard), treasurer; and Miss Florence Converse for fifth member of the standing committee. The board took a rising vote of thanks to Miss Coman in appreciation of her very strong and progressive administration. The treasurer's report was next read showing $6,091.68 on hand (with Wellesley in the lead), and on the strength of additional promised sums, $2,400 was appropriated for the New York settlement, $1,200 for each of the houses in Philadelphia and Boston, $1,000 for fellowships, $75 for the speaker's fund and $100 for printed matter. The fellowship extension committee made a report explaining that although five colleges, Swarthmore, Barnard, Wellesley, Smith and Bryn Mawr, responded to the proposition of a joint fellowship with the C. S. A., on account of lack of funds, only three of these could be met. Suggestions for the advice of those awarding fellowships was also submitted and the rest of the morning was devoted to considering these plans and discussing the best way to meet all of the fellowships. At one o'clock the board adjourned for lunch, which Miss Williams served, but met again about two o'clock to hear the reports of the work of the fellows and scholars during this last year. Miss Van Kleek (Smith '03) spoke on "What We do not Know of the Conditions of Working Women." She showed very clearly that a definite knowledge of certain points is necessary to secure the constitutionality of protective legislation for women. The case of women working all night in binderies was pushed before two courts but the law forbidding women working all night was declared unconstitutional. The judges say that they do not recognize any difference between the effect of night work on women and men. This year there has also been an amendment to the 60 hours a week and 10 hours a day law, allowing for 10 weeks of 72 hours in cases of necessity as in perishable seasonable products. Another point of consideration in the employment of women is the high degree of division of labor, forcing intelligent girls and women to work years at such simple processes as pasting labels on boxes, etc., because they have not had the industrial training to enable them to progress. The unrestricted labor carried on in the tenements also reacts very considerably on the standard of factory regulation enforcement. Then specifically what we do not know, and which if we did would make restrictive legislation possible, is: the cost of living of girls; the relation of wages to the cost of living; physical condition of working women, and the effect of the process of industries on women. This is the second year Miss Van Kleek has held the fellowship and this year she is going to do independent work to further her line of investigation. Miss Adams, the fellow from Barnard, spoke on the relation of public schools to the industrial schools. Her investigation has been entirely with girls from the ages of 14 to 16 years and her results are based on information taken from one hundred girls in the neighborhood of which, roughly speaking, she would say seventy-five per cent. were in unskilled work, such as packing pencils, collars, steaming feathers, etc., with $3.00 to $3.50 the average wage, and little chance of remunerative advancement. All of these girls had finished the required schooling, but Miss Adams pointed out that the public school gives undue importance to fitting students for higher education, leaving those who must go to work with an unjust discrepancy in preparation. A slight knowledge in sewing and fairly good penmanship are the only things gained for those who must earn their own living.

Gertrude Knight, the Wellesley scholar, then told what she had been doing this year. As a scholar, she of course had no definite piece of work to present, but explained what she had been doing with her three clubs of Jewish girls, and Italian and Jewish boys, and her beginnings of a Glee and Dramatic Club. She also told of investigating the conditions of working women in the tenements under Miss Van Kleek's direction, which she made the topic of her talk at Wellesley last March.

Before the meeting closed, Miss Scudder gave a short address to the undergraduate electors, inspiring them to bring more effectually to their college the broader significance and the true meaning of the "social conscience," and then the meeting was thrown open to a discussion of problems and needs of the colleges, from which every elector gained many suggestions. The meeting was adjourned to attend a play of "Ernest Seton Thompson's wild animals" given by a class of girls. The costumes were made by the girls themselves, and the words of the songs composed for the occasion. It was very well done and extremely interesting to watch, for the children threw themselves so unreservedly into the spirit, and sang and danced with such vim that it was a great success.

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ALUMNÆ NOTES.

This column will contain items concerning Alumnæ, former students, and past and present members of the Faculty. Other items will occasionally be added which are thought to be of especial interest to the readers of the Alumnæ Notes.

Mrs. Annetta Thompson Mills, 1883-'84, who is connected with the School for the Deaf, at Chefoo, China, to which the Christian Association of Wellesley sent a gift last winter, tells of the appropriation of the money toward the payment of the salary of an extra teacher at the school. She says "We are more and more impressed with the wonderful opportunities there are in this remarkable old country. I wish I could make people see and understand the Chinese as they are in their own land where they are not a race of laundrymen, but cultured, not educated, gentlemen, with fine minds and a civilization that certainly raises them above barbarians. . . . . Then think of the mineral wealth all untouched, almost unknown, and of the opportunities for original research in this old-new country. I could wish I were ten women instead of one. Just now I am doing some original work in the pure phonetics of the language. . . I want to have my charts done for the Centenary Missionary Conference to be held in Shanghai next month (April)."

The Southern California Wellesley Club was entertained on Saturday, April twentieth, at the home of Mrs. Frances Young McLaughlin, 1892-'93, in Pasadena. The special subject under discussion was College Settlement Work. The club's guest was Miss Margaret Stratton, formerly Professor of English at Wellesley, who leaves California this week for her home in Connecticut.

Miss Adelaide Smith, 1893, who was for some years Professor of Mathematics at Huguenot College, Wellington, South Africa, is working at Gottingen on her doctor's thesis in mathematics. Her address until the first of August is Weender Chaussee 28, Gottingen, Germany.

Miss Ella Sharples Houghton, 1893, is head of the Department of Latin in the High School of Pueblo, Colorado.

Mrs. William B. Hill (Elsie A. Weyerhaeuser, 1882, M. A. 1887) visited the college last week with her husband, who is at the head of the Department of Biblical History at Vassar College.

Miss Edith True, 1887, is teaching at the Quincy Mansion School, Wollaston, Massachusetts.

The address for the school year of Miss Jennette A. Moulton, 1894, is 102 Huntington avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

Miss Laila A. McNeil, 1901, sails from Boston on the Canopic, Saturday, May 18, to spend the summer in Oberhofen, Switzerland.

Miss Gertrude Lukens, 1904, who is this year doing Settlement work at Hartley House and Madison Square Church House in New York City, has been in Boston the past week, attending the annual meeting of the American McCall Association.

Mrs. May Smith Willis, 1885, has been elected president of a recently formed Civic League in Mount Vernon, Washington.

Miss Lydia F. Root, 1886-'88, has been visiting the college this past week. She is teaching Latin in the High School at Jamaica, Long Island.

MARRIAGES.

TREAT—BALL. On April 24, 1907, at Wayne, Pennsylvania, Miss Edith Preble Ball, 1905, to Mr. Herbert A. Treat.

LITTLE—MILLER. On April 30, 1907, in New York City, Miss Elsie Drake Miller, 1901-'02, to Mr. William Jay Little.

BOSWELL—STILWELL. On May 1, 1907, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Miss Grace Elizabeth Stilwell, 1902, to Mr. Louis Radcliffe Boswell.

STEWARD—TROTTER. On February 19, 1907, at Dorchester, Massachusetts, Miss Maude A. Trotter, 1893-95, to Dr. Charles Gould Steward.

PROCTOR—SIMPSON. On April 20, 1907, in Newton Highlands, Massachusetts, Miss Grace W. Simpson, 1904, to Dr. Thomas Proctor. At home after July first in Walpole, Massachusetts.

DEATHS.

January 19, 1907, at Wellesley Hills, Philip Sheridan, brother of Katharine E. Sheridan, 1904.

In Lexington, Massachusetts, Mrs. Mary Eliza Hamlin, mother of Mrs. Alice Hamlin Hinman, 1893.

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Be amended to read:

"Nominations for President and Vice-President shall be made by two informal ballots at least three days before the election. The three nominees receiving in each case the highest number of votes shall be considered candidates for the two respective offices.

"The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot from a list of two candidates for each office, to be presented by a nominating committee appointed by the executive committee. A majority vote of the members shall elect. In case of a tie the decision between two nominees shall be made by lot. The custodian shall be appointed by the outgoing executive board."

MARGUERITE B. MACKELLAR,
President of Barnswallows.

The amendment was passed.

Closing of the Reading Room of the British Museum.

(The following notice of the closing of the reading-room of the British Museum was sent from the Evening Post to the COLLEGE NEWS. We are glad to publish it as it seems to be an event of interest to all students and peculiar importance to any who may be planning to work at the Museum this summer.)

A notice was posted a few days ago in the British Museum, to the effect that, for the purpose of renovation, the reading-room would be closed April 15. It was hoped that it would be reopened on October 31. Word having gone about that there would be very limited accommodation for those who could show just cause why they should have special privileges, I—probably in common with every reader, past, present, and prospective in London—at once applied by letter and backed up the application in person. On asking whether steps had been taken to notify the American reading public of the curtailment of accomodation in the reading-room, I was told that nothing of the sort had been done. The young gentleman in charge looked extremely unhappy, and said that he realized keenly what this curtailment would mean to many people in the United States, while to the people at the Museum it would mean the buzzing of angry Americans about the office all summer long. He thought possibly the American press would copy the paragraphs on the subject which had appeared in some of the London papers. Possibly they will; but it seems to me worth while to give some more formal notice to the many American students who go to London every summer largely for the purpose of utilizing the facilities for research offerd by the British Museum. It is painful to think of all the school teachers, college professors, and writers of every degree, who at this moment are preparing to spend their holidays in London with this end in view.

The special accommodation is very limited, and so many applications have been made laready that the space must soon be filled. It would be quite unsafe for any one to come over on the chance of finding accommodation. Those who mean to come should apply at once to the director of the British Museum, giving full particulars about the work they mean to do, its urgency and importance, and stating how many days a week they would need to use the reading room. Perhaps you will befriend the writing fraternity by calling attention to these facts.

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I.

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II.

If the warm weather continues most of us will probably return to the bosom of our families with a few freckles and a healthy bloom. We hoot the idea of overwork. Yet most of us acknowledge that if we gave as much time comparatively to some of our lighter courses, which perhaps are of the most importance to us, as to those in which we are ruled by a rod of iron, our parents would scan anxiously the pale and peaked maidens who would return to them. There are some instructors for instance who require five hours a week for a two hours' course. This instructor spells require with a capital R. I think we all of us realize that we do not divide our time equally, that we often slight something more important to ourselves for something that simply "must be done." This is not a plea for slighting one's work to go boating on the lake. But it is a plea for a little back bone in deciding what part of our academic work is of most value to us, and for dividing our time accordingly. B.

PARLIAMENT OF FOOLS.

Der 11.45

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Und es mir scheint
Ich wünsche föode!

Oh wohl für den oyster
Der nicht studieren muss.
Aber schläft immer und immer
Tief in dem Fluss!

THEATER NOTES.

TREMONT—The Time, the Place and the Girl.
HOLLIS STREET—Olga Nethersole, Monday evening, "Adrienne Lecouvreur;" Tuesday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and Saturday matinee, "Sapho;" Wednesday matinee, "Camille;" Wednesday evening, "Carmen;" Thursday evening, "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray."
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SOCIETY NOTES.

At a regular meeting of the society, Alpha Kappa Chi, held Wednesday evening, April 24, the following program was presented:

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Mary Stoddart
Classical News.....Alice Titus
Women of Homer—with Greek readings.....Miss Chapin
Vocal Solo.....Lizbeth Laughton

At a regular meeting of the Tau Zeta Epsilon Society held Saturday evening, May 4, Ethel Damon and Ruth Weller from the Class of 1909 were received into membership.

PHI SIGMA SHIRTWAIST DANCE.

On Monday afternoon, May 6, the Phi Sigma Fraternity gave its shirtwaist dance. The Barn was very effectively decorated with branches of spring blossoms against a background of pine boughs, and the stage and "green room" were made into most attractive retreats for secluded couples. The comparatively clear floor, so unusual at the Barn, and the inspiriting music made it altogether a very enjoyable occasion.

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